

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota is the home of Gladys Kessler, and we are richer because Gladys lives among us; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Gladys was born February 8, 1917, to Fred and Bessie Ringen at the family home 8 miles north of Alexandria, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Gladys married James Kessler on January 16, 1939, and to this union five children were born, Harland, Gerald, Carol, Doris and Lois, who in turn blessed them with 12 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, James and Gladys were lifelong farmers in Hanson and Miner Counties in South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Gladys will observe her 90th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 8, 2007, as

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in South Dakota, and I join all her many friends and her relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health and great happiness.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Second Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State